

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are pending. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 3 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected in view of prior art. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 3. Amended claim 1 is clearly allowable since it reads exactly as a rewritten claim 3 would have read.

The above amendment to claim 1 renders moot the outstanding rejections based on the prior art. All issues having been resolved, the case is believed in condition for allowance.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

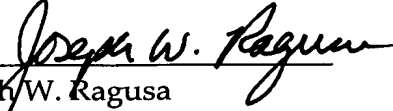
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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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